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1. [REDACTED] the Yugoslav Army has a total strength of 300,000 men (not 600,000 as generally reported). There are three Army commands ("Oblast") as follows:
- The first, in Zagreb, covers Slovenia and northern Croatia. Lieutenant General Danilo Lekic is in command.
  - The second, at Nis, has jurisdiction over Serbia and Macedonia.
  - The third, at Sarajevo, has jurisdiction over Bosnia, Montenegro and southern Dalmatia.
  - There is, in addition, a fourth at Novi Sad which has jurisdiction over all troops which constitute the strategic reserve of the Yugoslav Army. This fourth "Oblast" is unified with the command of the Army of Novi Sad.
2. The Army is made up of regiments, divisions and armies, but the tank units are under the orders of the "Command of Tanks and Motorized Troops" commanded by Lieutenant General Veljo Kovacevic who has headquarters in Belgrade. The units are grouped under regiments, brigades and army corps.
3. The Air Force is undergoing a consolidation. There are about 500 efficient war planes, mostly of Soviet origin. The principal pilot training school is at Pancevo.
4. The Kragujevac and Cacak arsenals are producing large quantities of a new type of anti-tank shell. These are a perfected version of the Soviet double casing shell which will penetrate the strongest tank armor. Experiments have been made with 170 mm. armor and the new shell penetrated it from a distance of one kilometer. The projectile is usually constructed for 85 mm. artillery. It has an initial speed of 1,050 meters per second. Its maximum range is eight kilometers but experiments have shown that it rapidly loses its penetrating power after the first kilometer.

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